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Before the

MASSACHUSETTS

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

Investigation by the Department of)

Telecommunications and Energy on its Own)

Motion, as to the Propriety of the Local)

Service Provider Freeze Terms and)

Conditions Set Forth in the Following) Docket No. D.T.E. 99-105

Tariff: M.D.T.E. No. 10, Part A, Section 5,)

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Department on November 1, 1999, by New)

England Telephone and Telegraph Company)

d/b/a Bell Atlantic Massachusetts)

PETITION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE OF THE COMPETITIVE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION

The Competitive Telecommunications Association (CompTel) hereby submits its petition for leave to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding. CompTel submits this petition pursuant to Section 1.03 of the Department's Procedural Rules (220 CMR 1.03) and the Procedural Schedule issued February 8, 2000, in this docket.

CompTel is a national industry association representing 350 competitive telecommunications service providers and suppliers. CompTel's members include nationwide companies as well as smaller, regional carriers providing local, long distance, and Internet services using a diverse mix of entry strategies. Many of CompTel's members provide telecommunications services in Massachusetts. Since its inception in 1981, CompTel has advocated policies to promote the development of full and fair competition in the provision of communications services. CompTel's role in both federal and state proceedings is to ensure that companies of different sizes and with different entry strategies have a full and equal opportunity to compete in all communications service markets.

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In this proceeding, the Department is considering the propriety of the Local Service Provider Freeze terms and conditions set forth in Bell Atlantic- Massachusetts' ("BA-MA's") tariff M.D.T.E. No. 10, Part A, Section 5, Original of Page 1.1 (filed November 1, 1999). CompTel's members compete now or will compete in the future with BA-MA in the Massachusetts local exchange market. CompTel's members, therefore, may be substantially, specifically, and adversely affected by the outcome of this proceeding. For these reasons, CompTel has a strong interest in ensuring that the terms and conditions of BA-MA's Local Service Provider Freeze offering will not permit BA-MA to place competitive local exchange carriers ("CLECs") at a competitive

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disadvantage in Massachusetts.

Many of CompTel's members, moreover, are small carriers that do not have the resources to participate individually in this proceeding. In light of the impact this proceeding could have on CompTel's members, CompTel has a direct, specific, and substantial interest in the outcome of this proceeding, and no other party can adequately represent that interest.

For the foregoing reasons, CompTel respectfully requests that the Department grant its petition for leave to intervene in this proceeding. In the event this petition is granted, please designate to receive service for CompTel the individuals indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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